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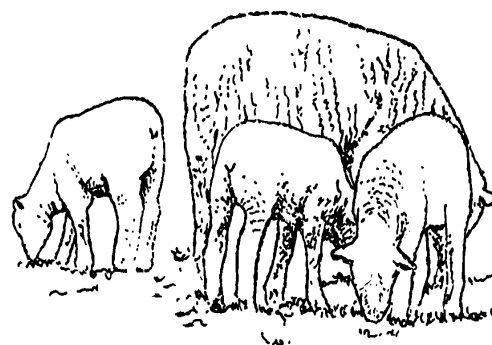
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SHEEP & LAMBS

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2002, totaled 6.69 million head, down 4 percent from 2001 and 5 percent below two years ago. The inventory has trended down since peaking at 56.2 million head in 1942. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.91 million head on January 1, 2002, down 1 percent from 4.97 million head on January 1, 2001. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.98 million head, were 3 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2002, totaled 1.77 million head, down 11 percent from January 1, 2001. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 17 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 23 percent 85 - 105 pounds, 31 percent were over 105 pounds, and 4 percent were market sheep.



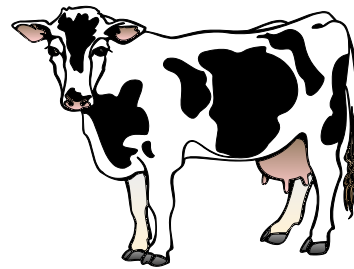
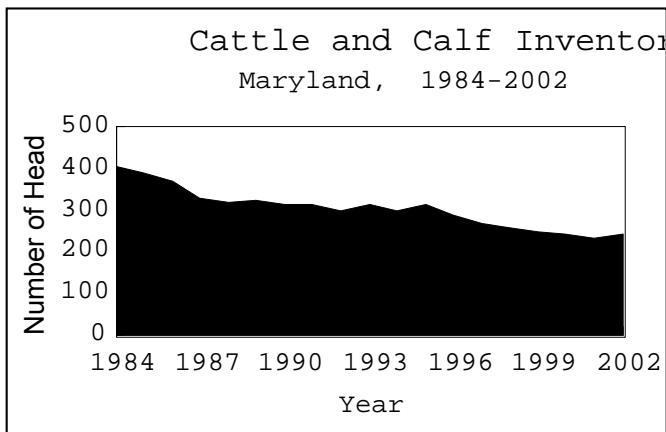
U.S. SHEEP & LAMBS BY CLASS JANUARY 1, 1999-2002

ITEM	1999	2000	2001	2002
-----THOUSAND-----				
All Sheep & Lambs	7,215	7,032	6,965	6,685
Breeding	5,299	5,164	4,967	4,913
Ewes	4,322	4,229	4,091	3,980
Rams	203	205	201	99
Replacement Lambs	778.77	729.5	675.0	733.5
Market Sheep & Lambs	1,916.0	1,868.0	1,998.0	1772.0
under 65	490.4	452.2	470.6	435.9
65 to 84	328.1	331.2	359.4	299.9
85 to 105	513.0	480.2	487.3	415.6
over 105	502.0	541.9	604.2	549.0
Market Sheep	82.5	80.5	76.5	71.6
Lamb Crop	4,719.0	4,622.0	4,495.0	-----
#Farms with Sheep	66,800	66,100	65,120	-----

CATTLE INVENTORY

Maryland: The January 1, 2002 number of all cattle and calves on Maryland farms at 245,000 head was 4 percent above January 2001. The number of cows being milked declined 1,000 head while dairy replacement heifers also decreased 1,000 over last year. Beef cows increased from 37,000 in 2001 to 41,000 by January 1, 2002. Beef replacement heifers were 5,000 head above 2001. Number of calves on farms on January 1, 2002 was at 45,000, up 2 percent compared to 2001. The 2001 calf crop was 103,000 head, up 2,000 from the number of calves born in 2000.

United States: All cattle and calves in the United States on January 1, 2002 totaled 96.7 million head, 1 percent below January 1, 2001 and 2 percent below 2000. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.2 million were 1 percent below January 1, 2001. Beef cows as well as milk cows were down 1 percent from January 1, 2001. Beef replacement heifers were down slightly. Milk replacement heifers were up slightly. Calves under 500 pounds were down 3 percent from January 1, 2001. The 2001 calf crop was estimated at 38.3 million head, down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999.



Class	MARYLAND CATTLE AND CALVES ¹		UNITED STATES CATTLE AND CALVES ¹	
	Jan 1, 01	Jan 1, 02	Jan 1, 01 ²	Jan 1, 02
	-----Thousand-----			
Cattle and Calves (Total)	235	245	97,277	96,704
Cows and Heifers that have calved	119	122	42,580	42,209
Beef Cows	37	41	33,397	33,100
Milk cows	82	81	9,183	9,110
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	51	56	19,776	19,678
For Beef Cow Replacement	9	14	5,588	5,561
For Milk Cow Replacement	34	33	4,057	4,060
Other Heifers	8	9	10,131	10,057
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	17	18	16,441	16,800
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	4	4	2,274	2,244
Calves Under 500 Pounds	44	45	16,206	15,773
	2000	2001	2000²	2001
Calf Crop	101	103	38,631	38,280
Operations with Cattle (#)	4,500	4,500	1,077.6	1,050.9
Operations with Beef Cows (#)	2,800	2,800	830.7	814.4
Operations with Milk Cows (#)	1,000	950	105.2	97.6

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Revised

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received for the month of January were up for most crops. The wheat price increased fourteen cents to \$2.78 per bushel. The barley price was up ten cents to a price of \$1.52 per bushel. Soybeans moved up twelve cents per bushel from last month's price of \$4.09 and corn was up two

cents to \$2.21 per bushel. Livestock prices also appeared to be up from December. Calf prices were up to \$93.60 per cwt and beef cattle had a \$4.40 per cwt increase. Hog prices increased to \$36.60 per cwt.

Commodity	Unit	Maryland and Delaware			United States			Parity
		JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN	
		2001	2001	2002	2001	2001	2002	
		Jan			Dollars			
Wheat, Winter	BU	2.36	2.64	2.78	2.77	2.79	2.89	9.35
Corn	BU	2.10	2.19	2.21	1.98	1.98	1.98	6.33
Barley	BU	1.55	1.42	1.52	2.00	2.16	2.06	6.22
Soybeans	BU	4.53	4.09	4.21	4.68	4.20	4.27	13.90
All Hay, Baled	TON	112.00	141.00	137.00	85.20	93.70	93.00	201.00
Apples, Fresh	LB	----	----	----	0.158	0.224	0.217	0.467
All Beef Cattle	CWT	75.00	62.90	67.30	74.80	64.60	66.60	154.00
Calves	CWT	82.60	86.60	93.60	108.00	100.00	100.00	205.00
Hogs	CWT	37.00	33.00	36.60	37.20	33.30	36.50	99.80
Milk, Fluid MKT	CWT	14.40	16.30	16.80	13.20	13.40	13.30	32.10
Chickens ¹	LB	0.075	0.085	0.087	----	---	----	----
Broilers	LB	0.335	0.325	0.332	0.340	0.370	0.370	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	----	----	----	0.366	0.385	0.341	0.940
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.658	0.502	0.542	0.503	0.410	0.450	1.51

¹ Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED			
INDEX AND RATIOS	UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 =100		
	JAN 2001	DEC 2001*	JAN 2002
All Farm Products	96	*95	96
All Crops	94	*95	95
Feed Grain & Hay	89	*92	91
Oil- Bearing Crops	84	*78	77
Fruits & Nuts	81	92	86
All Livestock and Livestock Products	100	96	96
Meat Animals	97	*85	89
Dairy Products	101	*103	102
Poultry and Eggs	105	109	109
Ratio ¹	77	78	79
Prices Paid Index	125	122	121

* Revised

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

MARCH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Livestock Slaughter-Ann. Poultry Slaughter
4	5	6 Broiler Hatchery	7	8 Crop Production
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QUARTERLY AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Beginning February 28th, around 1,100 Maryland farmers will be contacted for our March Agricultural Survey. For this survey we are asking for acres operated, crops to be grown in 2002, and crops stored on your operation. The results of this survey will help give an early picture of what is planned, as well as an update on stocks of grain. Those

operators selected will receive a questionnaire in the mail and possibly a follow-up phone call or visit. Regardless of the size of the operation, every report is important to the accuracy of the results and their information is kept confidential.

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